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restart the grant-in-aid for flour mills and rice mills particularly to Jammu and Kashmir as it is a militancy affected State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of grant given to Jammu and Kashmir during the years 2002-06, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) A Technical Committee has been constituted to review and make its recommendations on benchmarks for latest and most efficient technology and processes and identification of minimum conditions to be laid down for assistance of rice mills and flour mills sectors. The Committee has submitted its report which has been accepted by the Ministry. These are being incorporated in the guidelines for the financial institutions for providing assistance keeping in view the value addition, technological benchmarks and reduction of wastages.

The financial assistance provided to the rice milling, flour milling and pulse milling units in Jammu & Kashmir during the year 2002—06 is mentioned below:—

SI. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	2002-2003	Nil
2.	2003-2004	9.670
3.	2004-2005	37.985
4.	2005-2006	41.595
TOTAL:		89.250

Renovation of Barauni and Kanti Thermal Power Stations

†*279. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to renovate the Barauni and Kanti Thermal Power Stations;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the proposal relating to the extent of augmentation in power generation capacity after renovation of these plants and the amount allotted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has programmed the revival of Barauni Thermal Power Station (TPS) Units 4 & 5 (2x50 MW) and Kanti (Muzaffarpur) TPS Units 1 & 2 (2x110 MW) and Renovation and Modernization (R&M) of Barauni TPS Units 6 & 7 (2x110 MW) with the involvement of Government of Bihar, Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB), NTPC Ltd. and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL). Planning Commission has already released Rs. 75 crores against an estimated cost of Rs. 506 crore to M/s. BHEL to take up the work for Barauni Units 6 & 7 and Muzaffarpur TPS Units 1 & 2 under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY). BSEB and NTPC Ltd. have formed a Joint Venture named "Vaishali Power Generating Company Ltd." to run Muzaffarpur TPS. Order for revival of both units have been placed on BHEL. Technical specification for Residual Life Assessment/Conditional Assessment/Performance Evaluation Test of Barauni Units 4 & 5 has been submitted by NTPC to BSEB. NTPC Ltd. has also submitted the scope of work with cost estimates for Restoration of Unit 5 to BSEB on 10.07.2006. After carrying out revival/R&M works on the units, the units are expected to operate with full output during 11th Plan.

Professional Institutes Providing Higher Education

*280. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of professional institutes, imparting higher education in technology, engineering, architecture, agriculture, management, etc. in the country; separately in private (aided and unaided) and Government sector, seat capacity, State-wise;

(b) whether reservation of seats for SC/ST and OBCs is not available in unaided private professional institutes;